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senators please check in. Senator Schmitt, Senator Vrtiska. The house is under call. Senators, please check in. The house is under call. Senators, please check in. Senator Matzke, Senator Brown. Senator Brown. Senator Byars, what did you request? Senator Byars has requested a roll call vote on the call of the question. Mr. Clerk, call the roll. Go ahead, Senator Byars. Mr. Clerk, call the roll when you're ready.

CLERK: (Roll call vote read. See page 2061 of the Legislative Journal.) 12 ayes, 17 nays to cease debate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does not cease. I do raise the call, and we will resume debate on the Landis amendment, 1492, to LB 271. Senator Bromm, followed by senators Smith, Wickersham, Landis, and Jones. Senator Bromm on 1492.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I think on this educational lands issue we're going to take a look at the statutes that are in place. I've got my staff trying to get a hold of those right now. And perhaps we can have some further debate on that. My concern...my concern, as I thought about it, was this. We have some counties, as we know, that are heavily inundated with educational lands. The Educational...the Board of Educational Lands and Funds is in a fiduciary or trustee capacity. And as we've worked with them through the years in trying to get some of the lands sold, it has been emphasized that they are in a fiduciary capacity. My concern as I read the Landis amendment was this. Well, if we have land that's rented out at, obviously, a fair market value, which I think it is in the case of the educational lands, then instead of doing what they do now, and that is pay the schools where the land is located in equivalent to the school tax, would they be...would they be reduced to paying a tax just simply for fire, rescue, roads, safety, that kind of thing? If so, that would be a substantially lower amount, and would have an impact, particularly on the schools in those areas. But if the understanding was that they would pay the full tax under 271, then it would have an impact on all the political subdivisions that would be of some significance. So I...it would be nice to know that. I'm going to go into another subject, and then maybe I won't take so much time when we're done with this amendment on my amendment, because it kind of flows into that anyway. I have